

more of our religious institutions speaking out against the illicit use of illegal drugs in the best interests of our children and our young people today. But really it is society as a whole.

So I hope that we will all continue to work harder. I intend to help General McCaffrey as much as I can to do his job, and I believe he will be a great drug czar. And I am going to give everything I can to assist him and help him to be able to accomplish that work in a way that will be beneficial to everybody in America.

Mr. President, I appreciate this opportunity to mention some of these things. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LUGAR). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

JEREMY ROYAL: NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HEISMAN AWARD WINNER

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I am proud to announce that Alabama's own Jeremy Royal is the recent recipient of Wendy's High School Heisman Trophy. Young Jeremy is a senior at Altamont High School in Birmingham, where he is valedictorian of the class of 1996. This is a truly remarkable honor, since Jeremy was one of over 8,000 nominees for the national award.

The High School Heisman Trophy recognizes not only athletic achievement, but also all-around scholarship and citizenship, all of which Jeremy possesses in huge quantities. He is truly one of the leaders of his generation as we head into the next century.

I ask unanimous consent that an article from the school paper, the Altamont News, be printed in the RECORD following my remarks. It tells of the remarkable achievements of Jeremy Royal which led to his selection as the High School Heisman Trophy winner. I join his family, friends, teachers, coaches, and school officials in congratulating him and wishing him all the best for what appears to be a bright and limitless future.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Altamont News, Winter 1996]

JEREMY ROYAL WINS HIGH SCHOOL HEISMAN
(By Sarah Whiteside)

The philosopher Socrates believed that physical and mental fitness were a duty both to oneself and to the polis. Jeremy Royal, valedictorian of the class of '96 and winner of the Wendy's High School Heisman Trophy, exemplifies this Socratic ideal. This award, which emphasizes scholarship, athletics, and citizenship, recognizes Jeremy's contributions both to the Altamont community and to the community at large. The committee of judges, after rigorous competition from a

field of over 8,000 nominees, selected Jeremy for this national honor.

Among Jeremy's academic honors are the Yale Book Award, which is given annually by the faculty to an outstanding junior; the Smiley Award, which recognizes the most outstanding sophomore; and the Scholastic Award, which he has earned each year. In addition, he was named a National Merit Semi-Finalist. Jeremy has achieved these notable academic honors while maintaining a rigorous athletic program in tennis, basketball, and soccer. His skill, dedication, and determination have resulted in outstanding personal and team records in all three sports, as well as in his serving as team captain and in receiving Most Valuable Player awards.

Jeremy's commitment to community is just as strong as his commitment to academics and athletics. Within the Altamont community he has served each year as student council representative, as director of the Forum for Cultural diversity, as a member of the Honor Society, and as Latin Club president. His contributions to the larger community include serving as Make-a-Change volunteer for the National Council of Christians and Jews and as a delegate to Anytown, participating in the Birmingham Youth Leadership Forum, and volunteering as a counselor at a camp for pediatric cancer patients.

Jeremy's classmates and teachers were delighted and thrilled with the national recognition of his accomplishments and dedication. But we were not surprised, for we knew that there could be no other student in the country so deserving of the Heisman Trophy.

THE BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, a vast percentage of Americans don't have the slightest idea about the enormity of the Federal debt. Ever so often, I ask groups of friends: How many millions of dollars are there in a trillion? They think about it, voice some estimates, most of them wrong.

One thing that they do know is that it is the U.S. Congress that ran up the enormous Federal debt that now exceeds \$5 trillion. To be exact, as of the close of business Friday, March 8, the total Federal debt stood at \$5,017,686,664,137.86. On a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$19,045.56 of this debt.

CHINA'S AGGRESSION AGAINST TAIWAN

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, it has been said that freedom always entails danger. So perhaps we here, in a country that has seen our share of battles on behalf of liberty and democracy, should not be surprised by China's latest action against Taiwan.

It is no coincidence that China has planned to hold missile tests off of Taiwan's coast during that country's first democratic Presidential elections. But despite China's predictable behavior, it is no less a violation of all that we hold dear to us here in this freedom-loving country.

China's latest act of coercion will accomplish nothing more than to further tarnish her image as a country whose human rights abuses seem to know no borders and no boundaries.

This latest action comes at a time when Taiwan is about to embark on what democratic countries as our own often take for granted—the free and open elections of our leaders.

By conducting missile tests off the shores of Taiwan—the third testing since Taiwan's President Lee Teng-hut visited the United States last June—China is not only effectively shutting down the two largest commercial ports in Taiwan, it is sending a message to the people of that country that their liberty is constantly in jeopardy.

I want my colleagues to be aware that these tests not only will affect Taiwan's exports and imports in the short term, but are bound to have long-term effects as well. Some analysts put the loss at as much as 20 percent for both imports and exports.

Those are losses that will be felt around the world, including my home State of Kentucky here exports to Taiwan ran close to \$73 million in 1994.

This does not even begin to touch on the repercussions for the financial markets from the predicted selling of the Taiwan dollar to driving share prices into a further slump. These financial backlashes will be long felt both in Taiwan and around the world.

And yet, these fiscal concerns probably are not foremost on the minds of a nation who fears first for the safety of her people. One account I have read says that nobody trusts the accuracy of Beijing's weapons, and that even the slightest misfire could hit inhabited areas. Even if these weapons are unarmed, the impact would be enormous if smashed into Taiwan.

Mr. President, let me close my asking my colleagues to remain ever alert to China's actions against this fledgling democracy. They have made their coercive intentions abundantly clear and we should not waver in our belief that nations must adhere to a certain international code of conduct.

I would also call on the administration to continue to monitor the People's Republic of China and to take the necessary steps toward assuring that China understands, in no uncertain terms, that Taiwan must be afforded its due respect in accordance with that international code.

As the leader of the free world, we can do no less than send a clear message of how this behavior is simply unacceptable.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

BALANCED BUDGET DOWNPAYMENT ACT, II

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report H.R. 3019.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3019) making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, and for other purposes.